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DELAWARE COLLEGE

Mr. Pyle's Work Discussed at the Women's College

INSTRUCTIVE AND INTERESTING
Dr. E. V. Vaughn, chairman of the Delaware College Extension Committee announces the following lectures for February:

Assistant Prof. Dutton—"The Spirit of American Literature" on February 12, New Century Club of Delmar; "The Poetry of the American Revolution", on February 26, at Milton; "Sidney Lanier" on February 27, Acorn Club of Seaford.

Prof. Grantham—"The Origin of Our Cultivated Plants."

Prof. McCue—"The Dooryard" on February 26, at Appleton.

Prof. Rowan—"Our Bird Neighbors", on February 9, at Milton.

Prof. E. L. Smith—"Great German Cities" on February 12, and "Paris" on February 19, both before the Wilmington Y. M. C. A.

Prof. Sypher—"Kipling as a Short Story Writer" on February 5, and "Literature and Life on February 26, Wilmington Y. M. C. A.; "Literature and Life" on February 25, at Georgetown.

Prof. Thompson—"Under the Southern Cross" on February 9, Parent-Teachers Association of Lewes; on February 19, "Chemistry and Civilization", at Frankford.

Prof. Vaughn—"Our Town" on February 5, at Frankford and on February 12, at Appleton, "Curious Facts in Delaware History" on February 16, New Century Club of Middletown, and Tuesday Club of Odessa (date to be announced later.) On February 22, Prof. Vaughn will make an address at Elkton, Md., on some subject connected with early history of our country.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE NOTES

On Saturday evening, January 23, Mr. Frank Schoonover, a well known illustrator of Wilmington, gave an address at the Women's College on the work of the late Pyle, under whom he studied. He said that the idea of establishing an art colony came to Mr. Pyle during the time that he was an instructor in Drexel Institute. Mr. Schoonover then spoke of the human side of Mr. Pyle, showing how he was extremely generous never charging anything for the years of instruction that he gave to the colony of artists which he gathered about him at Chadd's Ford. Mr. Pyle was also, the speaker said, the most patient man he had ever known. He was always ready to help pupils with their work, and would take unlimited pains to point out a mistake and show them how to correct it. Mr. Schoonover then sketched the growth of the art of magazine illustration, showing that nearly all the most prominent illustrators now painting in this country including Miss Jesse Wilcox Smith and Mrs. Alice Barber Stevens, received their training under Howard Pyle. The whole address was instructive as well as interesting.

ODESSA

Mr. George Heldmyer was a Sunday visitor with friends in New Castle.

Mrs. Joseph Heller, of Middletown, was an over Sunday guest with relatives here.

Mr. J. L. Sparklin, of Churchhill, Md., has been visiting friends in town this week.

Mrs. H. V. Woodall, of Wilmington, was the guest of Mrs. O. C. Stevens part of last week.

Mr. Mally Davis, of Wilmington, visited his mother Mrs. M. M. Davis on Sunday.

Miss Alice Croft, of Philadelphia, is spending some time with her grandmother Mrs. F. Croft.

Mrs. William Reynolds, of Blackbird, spent last week with her son Mr. F. A. Reynolds and wife.

Mr. Columbus Watkins and wife, of Easton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Watkins over Sunday.

Miss Ruth Reynolds, of near Blackbird, spent a few days this week with her cousin Miss Dorothy Reynolds.

Miss Minnie Armstrong, of Newark, was an over Sunday visitor with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reynolds spent Wednesday last with her brother Mr. and Mrs. Orville Humes, in Philadelphia.

The drama "Billy's Bungalow" will be given in the Town Hall here, February 3rd. Proceeds for the benefit of St. Paul's M. E. Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward had as their guests on Sunday, Mr. Frank Ward, of Richmond, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ward, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward, Jr., of Chester, Pa.

The remains of Mrs. Elizabeth Price, were interred in Bethel Cemetery, on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Price made her home with her son Mr. Caleb Price and family, of this town, and was at the time of her death on a visit with relatives in Chesapeake City. She was about 74 years of age, and leaves many warm friends here and other places where she was known.

TOWNSEND

Dr. J. D. Niles spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Lee Gill, from U. S. Navy, is visiting his parents Harry Gill and wife.

Mrs. John Townsend is visiting relatives in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Mrs. Sallie Denney Crowding is making Mrs. G. M. L. Hart an extended visit.

Mrs. Edward Reynolds spent several days this week with friends in Havre De Grace, Md.

Garreth Othson and wife, of St. Georges, are guests of his sister Mrs. John Townsend and family.

Mrs. Daisy Collins, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her parents B. G. Lockerman and family.

Leroy Lockerman and wife, of Delmar have returned home after spending the past week with their parents.

Mrs. Virginia Lee, and Mrs. Ella Morgan spent Thursday at the home of William Spicer and wife, near Blackbird.

Mrs. G. M. D. Hart has returned home from a pleasant visit with her son Harry Hart family, in Philadelphia.

Richard Hodgson visited Philadelphia Monday and attended the revival service of W. Sunday, at the tabernacle.

Robert Beardsley and family, Leroy Lockerman and family spent Sunday with Robert Beardsley Sr. and family, near town.

George Dexter and brother from Easton, Mr. Williamson, of Baltimore, Mrs. Anna Dechart, of Harrisonburg, Va., were visitors in town last week.

Mr. D. B. Maloney was greatly surprised on Monday evening last when a phone message called him to his son's home. On entering he was greeted by a number of his friends in town who had assembled to celebrate the 67 birthday of this noted gentleman.

At eight o'clock the guests were invited into the dining room where the table was tastefully decorated and covers laid for twenty who were served with course dinner from 8 to 11. While serving, music was furnished on the Victrola, after which the guests presented him with a large black leather traveling bag with all attachments.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Mrs. Lallie Karner is visiting her daughter Mrs. Richard Wallis.

Mr. Dan H. Garrett, of Elkton, Md., spent Sunday last with friends in town.

Mrs. Nathan Loveless visited friends in Elkton Md., on Wednesday of this week.

Messrs Bennett and Groome Steele were Philadelphia visitors on Wednesday last.

Mrs. Ida Bouchelle is visiting her daughter Mrs. Griffith Ellison near Kirkwood, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellison, Jr., and son visited his parents the first of this week.

Miss Elizabeth Willis has returned to her home in town after visiting relatives in Baltimore Md.

The young men of town will give a dance in Masonic Hall on February 12th, music by Jacob's Orchestra.

A social was held at the home of Mr. Amos Davidson last night for the benefit of Cayot's Church.

Mrs. Joseph Egee has returned to her home in Alabama after spending several weeks with Mrs. Anna Egee.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton L. Ellison, Sr., spent Tuesday last at the home of Mr. H. C. Ellison, of Summit Bridge, Del.

Miss Mary Lum has returned to her home in Baltimore after spending some time with friends and relatives in and near town.

Mrs. E. A. Beauchamp left town this week for a three weeks visit with friends in Virginia and southern Maryland.

A play entitled "Billy's Bungalow", music by Poole's Orchestra, will be given in the Masonic Hall next Monday night February 1st, proceeds for Episcopal Church.

"Hannah's" All Right!

"What's the matter with Hannah? Here's a new and blessed answer to the old gag—"She sailed on January 6th, for Belgium with these among other offerings for those heroic sufferers.

4 barrels of clothing, 12 barrels of flour, 4 boxes of dry goods and 9 cases of provisions—all kindly donated by Middletown and the auspices of its "New Century Club."

This is the appreciative acknowledgment to the Club from its Secretary, Hon. Robert D. McCarter. Our readers may have read—or yet read—of her safe arrival.

The Suffrage "Flyer"

Just as we go to press, we learn that an auto from Wilmington has brought three ladies who will tonight make addresses in the open air before the Town Hall and between the reels to the "movies" audience within. We will next week give the matter the full notice its importance demands.

FRIENDS & VISITORS

Personal Items About People You See and Know

THOSE THAT COME AND GO

Miss Sarah Kates, spent the week end in Philadelphia.

Miss Lena Weber and Miss Edith Spry spent Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Rosa Shannon, of Swedesboro, N. J., is the guest of Mrs. Harry T. Preston.

Mrs. Margaret Smith is, visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Massey, in Wilmington.

Miss Frances Simmons spent Wednesday, with her parents near Port Penn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Deakne spent last Saturday and Sunday in Philadelphia.

Miss Ada Weber, of Blackbird, was the guest of Miss Helen Hall the first of this week.

Mrs. Curtis Millman and daughter of Woodside, Del., spent Wednesday with her mother Mrs. Rosa Weber.

Mrs. John Henry Petherbridge, of Germantown, Pa.; Mrs. Jackson Study, of Lansdown, Pa., and Miss Sadie B. Smith, of Wilmington, were guests at the dining given by Mr. A. G. Cox on Tuesday, the occasion being his 83d birthday.

We are gratified to learn that Mr. George Kichars, who has been suffering from a very serious case of typhoid fever for some weeks, is very much improved, and his relatives and friends trust is finally on the way to entire recovery.

We are sorry to learn that our esteemed friend, Mr. George T. French, of Chicago, Ill., is quite ill with a bad case of blood poisoning. His many friends and acquaintances here, we are sure will be sorry to learn of his affliction and hope for his speedy recovery.

WARWICK

Preaching Sunday evening at 7.30 Christian Endeavor at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Joseph Smith is spending some time with relatives in Wilmington.

Mrs. Mary A. Loffland, is visiting friends and relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Mamie Merritt was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson Merritt in Middletown.

Mrs. William Ginn, of near Mt. Pleasant, was the guest of Mrs. A. R. Merritt, on Wednesday.

Mrs. Samuel Wilson, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Clifford Deputy, near Kirkwood.

An entertainment will be held in the Town Hall in the near future. Dates will be given later.

Mrs. John Price is visiting the week end with her son Midshipmen W. Rodney Price, at Annapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson Merritt, entertained Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Merritt, Sr., of Warwick on Sunday last.

The Mite Society of the Warwick M. P. Church held its regular business meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Price, on Wednesday evening last.

PORT PENN

A Kuple and wife left on Monday to visit relatives through different parts of Jersey.

Mrs. Frank Vanhekle is spending a couple of weeks with Isaac Vanhekle and wife in Philadelphia.

We are sorry to learn that Harper J. Carey is ill at his home with typhoid fever. At this writing he is reported as doing as well as can be expected.

The meeting room of the P. O. S. of A. is now in readiness, after having been painted, stained and varnished and rugs put on the floor. The members expect to hold their meeting in it on Monday evening next. The ladies are also invited to hear the debate: Resolve, that water is greater than fire.

The entertainment held by Hickory Grove School children in the P. O. S. of A. Hall on Saturday evening was a grand success. The inclement weather did not keep the people indoors and there was a full house. The splendid acting of the children showed they had been well trained. We hope that we shall hear from them again in the future.

Endorsed Ten Hour Law

Resolved: That the Executive Board of the Delaware Federation of Women's Clubs on January 21, 1915, realizing the great benefit that the Ten Hour Law has been to the working women of Delaware, endorse the present Ten Hour Law and protest against its repeal or any adverse amendments.

SARAH REYNOLDS, Pres.
ANNA D. HOUGH, Sec.

Coupons given in the Fogel & Burstan Contest till store closes to-night,—coupons must be in by Wednesday, February 10th, to be counted Thursday, 11th, and winners named in Transcript Saturday 13th.

BETHESDA CHURCH NOTES

The revival services have steadily increased in interest and power. Large congregations have gathered nightly, although the weather conditions for the most part, have been unfavorable. The soulful singing and pointed sermons and exhortations have deeply impressed the people. Miss Minnie Shay is ably assisting the pastor. Her singing, altar calls and personal work are an invaluable asset in the services. She is winning golden opinions. If the interest continues to increase and the people continue to give their hearty support to the meeting the pastor is hopeful of keeping her here for another week.

Let every member and friend of the church rally to the standard of Christ. We cordially welcome the members of other churches. We are making a desperate effort to bring souls to the shores of Salvation. Will you not help us with your prayers, and be present every night and invite your neighbors to come with you? There have been several conversions and reclamations, and the spiritual life of the church has been greatly quickened.

Next Sunday we expect to have a great day. The pastor will preach morning and evening, and Miss Shay will sing and give the altar calls. Services will begin at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. An opportunity will be given to those who have decided for Christ to join the Church on probation.

You will strengthen your position by uniting with God's people. The church is designed to help you on your way to heaven, "Come thou and go with us, and we will do you good."

2 p. m. Sunday School.

There will be a men's meeting at 3.30 p. m. Miss Shay will sing and speak.

We want to see the church crowded with men. God is waiting to pour out his spirit upon us. Some say we are having the best meeting seen here for years.

9.30 a. m. Brotherhood. Devotional meeting.

Junior League, Saturday 3 p. m.

Will all friends, who have not returned their benevolent envelopes, please bring them next Sunday and oblige.

ST. ANNES' CHURCH NOTES

January 31st.—Septuagesima Sunday. Morning Prayer and Sermon at 10.30 A. M.

Sunday School at 11.45 A. M. Evening Prayer and Address at 7.30 P. M.

Service on Wednesday evening in the Church at 7.30.

The proceeds of the play, "Billy's Bungalow", given under the auspices of the Junior Auxiliary in the Opera House on Monday last was \$167.75, and we hereby wish to thank all who contributed to its success.

A Retreat will be given for the Clergy and others who wish to attend the Diocese of Easton, in Trinity Cathedral Church, Easton, Maryland on Feb. 1st and 2d. The Rt. Rev. F. J. Kinsman, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Delaware will be the conductor of the Retreat.

PROGRAMME
Monday, Feb. 1st. Eve of the Purification.

8.00 P. M. Evensong and Sermon by the Bishop of Delaware. The public is invited to attend.

Tuesday, Feb. 2d. Purification B. V. M.

7.30 A. M. The Holy Communion.

9.30 A. M. Morning Prayer & Address.

11.00 A. M. Address & Intercessions.

12.30 P. M. Luncheon in the Chapter House served by ladies of the Cathedral.

1.45 P. M. Address and Intercessions.

4.40 P. M. Evensong.

8.10 P. M. Quiet informal evening at the Denary.

We earnestly hope that all the Brethren will make an effort to come and we recognize the fact that as Clergy we will be more efficient in our work this coming Lent if we "come apart and rest awhile" and let the Holy Ghost speak to us.

Forest Church Notes

Sunday, January 31, 1915.—10.30 A. M., Public Worship with Sermon.

11.45 A. M., Sunday School.

6.45 P. M., Christian Endeavor Service, "Foreign Mission Opportunities the World Around", Acts 16:6-18, Miss Emma Blackiston, Leader.

7.30 P. M., Evening Service.

Wednesday evening, Prayer Meeting. Thursday evening, Radiophone entertainment under the auspices of the Society of Christian Endeavor.

Entertained at Cards

Mrs. Clara Brady Green delightfully entertained the "500 Club" at her home Wednesday at luncheon. Those present were, Mrs. F. B. Watkins, Mrs. G. Lindsey Cochran, Miss Lydia Cochran, Mrs. V. M. Davis, Mrs. Lee Sparks, Mrs. N. L. Beale, Mrs. E. M. Vaughan, Mrs. A. M. Chamberlaine, Mrs. W. B. Biggs, Miss Ethel Brady, Mrs. George L. Townsend, and Mrs. Clara Brady Green. Mrs. W. B. Biggs, secured first prize, and Mrs. F. B. Watkins, second prize.

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"BILLY'S BUNGALOW"

A Sparkling Comedy by Odessa and Middletown Players

DELIGHTS A LARGE AUDIENCE

On Monday evening our talented friends from Odessa made a dramatic descent upon our berg, and assisted by two of our own gifted artists gave the citizens of Middletown who herring packed the Town Hall, a genuine treat by presenting in a delightful fashion the three act comedy, "Billy's Bungalow" by Eleanor M. Crane.

A summer house party of nine, spending a few days at Billy Middleton's bungalow on Cedar Island, are suddenly benefitted of cook and butler, and worse yet, of the only boat that could their marooned misery!

This desertion left the party in a sad plight from the culinary standpoint—practically "nine miles from a lemon," as Sydney Smith once said, since theirarder was not quite empty, none of those novices knew how to use it.

In act II some amusing illustrations of amateur cooking are given, wherein Col. Varker volunteers to make the coffee, and Teddy Thurston to scramble the eggs. The Colonel's Mocha brew after 10 minutes or so boiling, was strong enough to float an iron wedge in its tannic acid stew, and Teddy's burnt-leather "aig" product smelt so strong the cook himself had to hold his nose during the operation!

The choice of Mr. Taylor Barnett as Teddy to make the impossible omelet was something of a misfit, for every wise housekeeper in the audience could plainly see from the deft manner in which he broke the hen fruit that he had done the trick before.

The host, Billy Middleton, who does not know hominy from rice, finds a big lot of it and purposes to boil "a cupful" for each member of the party—only four quarts or so! The event would have reproduced the distress of the young wife's first essay in rice boiling, wherein the pesky white grains swelled and overflowed, and swelled and overflowed till the distressed darling had half the empty pots and kettles in her kitchen filled with the stuff, and more still a coming!

Miss Caldwellwell stepped her share by declaring she didn't even know how to "broil tea"—a witty variant of the jest about the green young cook who couldn't "boil water without scorching it".

The "fresh" collegian, Gordon Middleton, who was bidden by Peggy to "cut some bread," saw away till he had enough of the staved life stacked up to stock a restaurant, and the "bloody Hinglishman, Hon. Francis Fairweather Spaulding, volunteered to milk the "cream cow," and got kicked into a cocked hat for his pains!

The entire cast was well sustained, and each character acted with a life and naturalness that drew no end of appreciative applause and merriment from the house.

Miss Helen Brady as her custom is played with matronly dignity the role of Peggy Middleton, Billy's wife. Miss Rebecca Watkins as Kitty Campbell, the "bud", and Miss Frances Watkins as Dorothy French, acted the amusing love scenes, the flirting, the pouting and the tears, so to the life one might have thought that they had some experience therein! Mrs. William Davis, as Miss Caldwellwell, did the sentimental "old maid" to perfection her angling for the colonial being clever enough.

The two roles that lent themselves most to character display, were those of the Hon. Francis Fairweather Spaulding an English exquisite, and Colonel George Varker, from Washington. Mr. Alexander P. Corbit in the first, and Mr. William Rose in the last, sustained these roles to the full, while Mr. William Keegan made the most of his, as Billy Middleton the Bungalow host, and Messrs. Taylor Barnett as Theodore Thurston, and Edward McIntire as Gordon Middleton, did no less with theirs.

Take it altogether the thing was well done, and will no doubt please the Chesapeake City public where they appear on February 1st for the benefit of the Episcopal Church, and the Odessa folks who will welcome the troupe home on the 3d of February.

The affair, which was under the charge of the Junior Auxiliary of St. Anne's Episcopal church netted their missionary treasury \$167.75 to the great delight of their worthy rector Rev. P. L. Donaghy.

It would be a graceful act of praiseworthy benevolence for these sprightly comedians to repeat their enjoyable performance here or, at Smyrna for the benefit of the hapless starving millions who compose Belgium's heroic bread line.

Getting Ready to Move

The Globe Clothing Store preparatory to its flitting February 15th, to its new quarters in the Town Hall, has dismantled one side, and will until the final moving, welcome its customers in the east half of the store.

Though thus proceeding "under one boiler," Mr. Rosenberg declares he can successfully navigate his commercial ship to the entire satisfaction of all his patrons, as they will learn by visiting him.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3d 1915.—Public sale of stock, farm implements &c., by Joseph E. Shaw, near McDonough, Del.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 1915.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by Henry Austin, on the road from Pine Tree Corner, to Taylor's Bridge. D. P. Hutchison, auc.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1915.—Public sale of stock farming implements etc., by Herman H. Staats on the R. Y. Wallen farm on the road from Green-spring to Dexter corner. D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1915.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, &c., by Robert D. Ratledge, on the road from Warwick, Md., to Townsend. D. P. Hutchison, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, 1915.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, &c., by Mrs. Laura Truax, on the "Roberts farm," on the Levels. D. P. Hutchison, auc.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1915.—Public Sale of Stock, Farming Implements, etc., by C. E. Pool, near McDonough, Del. D. P. Hutchison, Auc.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11th.—Public sale of stock and farming implements, by A. Bredemier, on the road from Middletown to Mt. Pleasant.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1915.—Public Sale of stock, farming implements, &c., by Thomas Lattonus, on the farm known as the S. R. Warren Farm, 4 miles west of Townsend, Del. D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1915.—Public sale of cattle and hogs by J. F. Fox on the Long Island farm on the road from Odessa to Silver Run. D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23d, 1915.—Public Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by L. E. Druley, on the Droll farm, near the Brick Mill. JOSEPH M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 1915.—Public sale of stock, farming implement, &c., by Harvey Jewell, on Bohemia Manor, Md., on the road leading from Murphy's mill, to Back Creek. Eugene Racine, auc.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY, 15th, 1915.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, &c., by Urie P. Ginn, on the "George Houston farm," 2 1/2 miles from Mt. Pleasant. D. P. Hutchison, auc.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 1915.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by Harry Isaac, near Mt. Pleasant. D. P. Hutchison, auc.

FRIDAY, February 19th, 1915.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by Thomas Maloney, on "Biggs Farm," 2 1/2 miles south of Glasgow, on the State road. Eugene Racine, auc.

LOCAL NEWS

The best steak, roasts, lamb and veal at W. C. JONES' Wagons and Dearborns for sale.

J. C. GREEN. WANTED—BALED HAY AND STRAW. S. B. FOARD.

FRESH AND SALT FISH at my store at all times. W. C. JONES. Wagons and Dearborns for sale.

J. C. GREEN. Dr. Warren S. P. Combs Dentist. Successor to the late Dr. J. C. Stites.

Better lay in all the feed you are likely to need soon, as prices are advancing right along.

HIDES WANTED—The highest cash prices paid for horse and cow hides. W. C. JONES.

FOR SALE CHEAP.—Oak hall-stand and dining-room table, also walnut bedroom suit and sideboard. Apply to THIS OFFICE.

HIGH GRADE LEHIGH pea, nut, stove and egg coal always on hand and UNDER COVER. BEST GRADE GEORGES CREEK soft coal.

Phone 5. JESSE L. SHEPHERD. FOR SALE—Almost new Stevens double barrel 12 G. hammerless gun and leather case.

THOMAS CANN. Stidham House Odessa, Del.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of Letters remaining unclaimed in the Post Office, for week ending Jan. 21st: Mrs. M. R. Gorey, Miss Besie York, J. V. Wright, Jonah Redden, N. P. Marvel.

FARMERS—Your

GIVES EXCUSE FOR SEIZURE

Effect of German Order Confiscating All Grains.

WILL JUSTIFY THE BRITISH

Cargo Sent To Private Parties In Germany On American Steamer Wilhelmina Not Likely To Reach Destination.

Washington, D. C.—The order of the Federal Council of Germany for the seizure of all stocks of corn, wheat and flour by February 1, is construed by some of the officials here as likely to deprive the owners of the cargo of the American steamship Wilhelmina of the right they claim to land their food supplies in Germany. The basis of their claim was the declaration that the grain was not intended for the German Army or the German government, but for non-combatant individuals, and therefore not subject to seizure according to the terms of the Hague convention.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, however, notified the State Department that this government had given official assurance that no foodstuffs shipped from the United States to Germany would be seized for military or any other governmental use.

New York.—W. T. Brookings, of St. Louis, sailed for Rotterdam on the steamer Potsdam, intending to proceed thence to Hamburg and there meet the American steamer Wilhelmina, which cleared from this port for Hamburg January 22, with a cargo of foodstuffs. Mr. Brookings will supervise the distribution of the Wilhelmina's cargo, should the vessel not be diverted by warships of the Allies.

"I feel certain that the Wilhelmina will be permitted to go to Hamburg without being molested," Mr. Brookings said. "The foodstuffs she has aboard are intended for non-combatants in Germany and will be sold to retailers and consumers direct. As soon as the Wilhelmina docks I will have her cargo put in a storehouse and release her."

The Wilhelmina is the first food-carrying vessel flying the American flag to leave an American port for Germany since the beginning of the war.

SUFFRAGE BILL PASSES.

West Virginia Legislature Votes To Submit Amendment.

Charleston, W. Va.—The Legislature voted to submit to the people at the next election an amendment to the Constitution providing for woman suffrage. There was one vote in the Senate and six in the House of Delegates against the resolution.

Any opposition to the measure crumbled away in the face of the onslaughts of suffragists, who crowded the galleries and floors of both House and Senate and who, in their second attempt to secure the submission of the equal suffrage amendment, achieved an almost unanimous victory. Senator Steed, in the Senate, and Delegates Board, Currey, Harman, McDowell, Kittle, of Barbour; Monroe, of Hampshire, and Davison and Rinehart, of Harrison, in the House, alone voted against the joint resolution.

MORATORIUM EXTENDS TO U. S.

Americans May Take Advantage Of It, Court Rules.

New York.—Supreme Court Justice Erlanger decided that American citizens who had incurred debts in European countries where moratoriums were declared after the war began may take advantage of the moratorium. Michael Goldmuntz, a diamond merchant of this city, said Samuel Spitzel & Co. to recover on a bill of exchange given in Antwerp, where both parties have places of business. The defendant pleaded that the moratorium declared in Belgium gave him the privilege of delaying payment.

GARY RAIL MILL TO REOPEN.

Working Force Of Plan To Be Increased By 1,500 Men.

Gary, Ind.—The Gary rail mill, closed for three months, is to be opened on February 8 and other departments of the Illinois Steel Company's plant will take on more men within a few weeks, according to an announcement made here by the company. The present working force of 3,000 will be increased by 1,500 men.

YET ON OFFENSIVE IN CAUCASUS

General Staff Of Russian Army Issues Report.

Petrograd.—The general staff of the army in the Caucasus had issued the following communication: "Our offensive in the region of Transcaucasia continues, despite an obstinate defensive on the part of the Turks. In the region of Olti some isolated fighting occurred with Turkish detachments."

A Russian woman is leading an expedition which has started to cross Arabia at its widest part and which will try to penetrate land never before explored.

A Canadian soap factory, costing \$300,000, is to be erected in Hamilton, Ontario, by a Cincinnati firm for supplying its trade in the Dominion.

German child labor laws define children as boys and girls less than 13 years of age and those older who still attend school.

HUMAN VOICE SENT 4,400 MILES

Talking Over the Telephone From Sea to Sea.

PRESIDENT WILSON ON WIRE

He Also Converses With Thomas A. Watson in California and Alexander Graham Bell, Inventor of the Telephone, in New York.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson Monday inaugurated the first transcontinental telephone system by speaking directly to President Moore, of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, in San Francisco. With Mr. Moore, Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, and President Vail, of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, on the wire at different points, the President extended congratulations on the achievement.

"It appeals to the imagination to speak across the continent," said the President to Mr. Moore. "It is a fine thing for the exposition that the first thing it has done is to send its voice over from sea to sea. I congratulate you on the fine prospects for a successful exposition. I am confidently hoping to take part in it after the adjournment of Congress. May I not send my greetings to the management and to all whose work has made it possible and make it the great event it promises to be, and convey my personal congratulations to you?"

With Dr. Bell listening in on the line at New York, the President then spoke to Thomas A. Watson, in San Francisco. Mr. Watson was Dr. Bell's electrician at the time of the invention of the telephone, and was the first person to hear a word spoken over a telephone.

"I consider it an honor," said the President, "to be able to express my admiration for the inventive genius and scientific knowledge that has made this possible, and my pride that this vital cord should have been stretched across America as a new symbol of our unity and our enterprise. Will you not convey my cordial congratulations to Dr. Bell, and I want to convey to you my personal congratulations, sir."

With Mr. Vail listening in on the line at Jekyll Island, the President then spoke to Dr. Bell:

"May I not congratulate you very warmly on this notable consummation of your long labors and remarkable achievements?" said the President. "You are justified in feeling a great pride in what has been done. This is a memorable day and I convey to you my warm congratulations."

The President said that he could hear Mr. Moore in San Francisco very distinctly.

"NEVER AGAIN"—NOYES.

Watchword Of the Allies, Declares Poet, Who Arrives in New York.

WIPES OUT HIS FAMILY.

Man Kills Wife, Three Children and Self.

Butler, Pa.—H. H. Woods, a telegraph operator, of Harmony Junction, Butler county, shot and killed his wife and their three children and then committed suicide.

All the victims were shot in the forehead, and death in each case is believed to have been instantaneous.

The bodies were found by E. L. Hilderbrand, who resides on the first floor, and who investigated when Woods and his wife failed to attend church. Hilderbrand says he heard some noises on the second floor, occupied by Woods, but paid no attention to it. Woods, 38, was employed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. His victims were his wife, Alice, 32, and three daughters, Fay, 15; Rosemary, 6 and Marjorie, 2.

JAPS MAY KEEP KIAUCHAU.

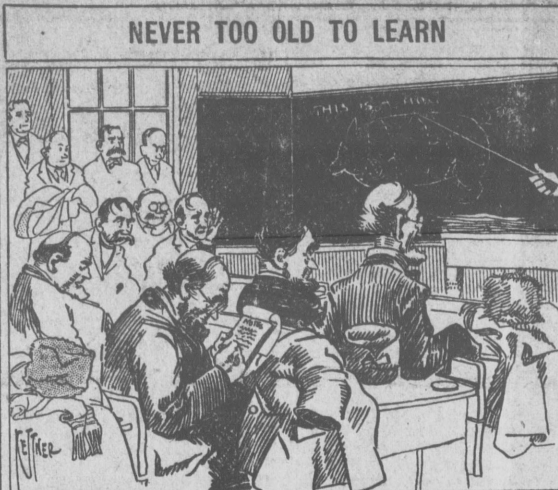
Lease To Germans Takes It Out Of China's Realm.

New York.—Dr. Teyokichi Iyenaga, former professor of political science at Chicago and Columbia Universities, declared in an address before the Japan Society here that the retention of Kiauchau by Japan would not be a violation of Chinese integrity inasmuch as Kiauchau had been leased to Germany for 99 years and was, therefore, not a part of China.

WOULD HAVE CUBA PAY U. S.

House Bill Suggests Reimbursement For Pacification.

Washington, D. C.—In the Diplomatic Appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$4,000,000, as perfected by the House Foreign Affairs Committee, is contained a provision requesting the President "to take such steps as may be necessary to have the republic of Cuba reimburse the United States to the extent of \$6,509,511" for the expense of pacification from 1907 to 1909.



Farmers' Institute in Session.

U. S. NOT PARTIAL DECLARES BRYAN

Secretary of State Contradicts British Sink One Cruiser and Damage Two Others

OUR MARKETS OPEN TO ALL

Letter To Senator Stone Shows Germany Formally Announced It Did Not Expect Embargo.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of State Bryan made public the text of a 6,000-word letter written by him to Chairman William J. Stone, of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, defending the Administration against the charge of having shown partiality toward Great Britain and her allies in the present European war.

The letter, inspired by one from Senator Stone setting forth numerous complaints and charges relative to the attitude of this Government, was prepared under the direction of President Wilson, under 19 separate headings, corresponding to Senator Stone's summary of the various charges, to which Secretary Bryan makes categorical answers.

Answers Charge Of Partiality.

In the concluding paragraph of the communication he thus replies to charges that the Administration's course has favored England and her allies, to the hurt of Germany and Austria-Hungary:

"If any American citizens, partisans of Germany and Austria-Hungary, feel that this Administration is acting in a way injurious to the cause of those countries, this feeling results from the fact that on the high seas the German and Austro-Hungarian naval power is thus far inferior to the British. It is the business of a belligerent operating on the high seas, not the duty of a neutral, to prevent contraband from reaching an enemy."

"Those in this country who sympathize with Germany and Austria-Hungary appear to assume that some obligation rests upon this Government, in the performance of its neutral duty, to prevent all trade in contraband and to equalize the difference due to the relative naval strength of the belligerents. No such obligation exists; it would be an un-neutral act, an act of partiality on the part of this Government, to adopt such a policy if Executive had the power to do so. If Germany and Austria-Hungary cannot import contraband from this country it is not, because of that fact, the duty of the United States to close its markets to the Allies. The markets of this country are open upon equal terms to all the world, to every nation, belligerent or neutral."

257 OFFICERS IN 13 DAYS.

Casualty List Published In England Shows That Loss In Flanders.

London.—There has been given out in London an officers' casualty list covering the period between December 30 and January 13, which shows that the British army in France in these 13 days lost a total of 257 men. Of these 92 were killed and 133 wounded. Thirty-two were reported missing.

Added to the previous totals the records of the last fortnight give officers killed, 1,266; wounded, 2,416, and missing, 662, or a total casualty list in officers since the beginning of the war of 4,344 men.

BIG GUN TO GUARD CANAL.

Capable Of Throwing 2,400-Pound Shell 21 Miles.

Boston.—The army's biggest gun, recently finished at the Watervliet arsenal, for the defense of the Panama Canal, and which is capable of throwing a 2,400-pound shell 21 miles, was brought to the Watervliet arsenal for its carriage. The gun, which is 55 feet long, required a specially constructed freight car for transportation here.

MORE BIG GUNS SHIPPED.

Liner Carries Two 16-Inch Ones Out Of New York Harbor.

New York.—Two 16-inch guns, 53 feet long, and weighing nearly 75 tons apiece, were loaded to the deck of the Canadian "Transylvania" when she sailed from here for Liverpool. Besides the guns was placed a turret for a battleship, giving the liner a warlike appearance. The guns were made by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and were consigned to a shipbuilding company at Belfast.

FOUR DEAD, NINE HURT IN BLOWUP

U. S. Cruiser San Diego Was Making Power Trials

LOW WATER WAS THE CAUSE

Vessel Is Flagship Of Pacific Fleet. Accident Occurs During Short Steaming Trial; Wounded Landed At Guaymas.

On Board U. S. S. San Diego, La Paz, Mexico.—Four men were killed and nine seriously injured on board the armored cruiser San Diego when a boiler tube blew out after a steaming trial of four hours had been completed.

Landed At Guaymas.

Immediately after the accident the cruiser left for Guaymas. The San Diego is the flagship of the Pacific fleet, and is in command of Capt. Ashley H. Robertson.

Washington, D. C.—A brief official report to the Navy Department on the explosion aboard the cruiser San Diego added no details to the news dispatches except to say that some of the nine injured were in a grave condition and others were not so badly hurt. The next of kin of the dead were notified at once by the Department.

Rear Admiral's Report.

Rear Admiral Howard's report gave this account of the accident: "The San Diego completed her four-hour-full-power trials and made 21.45. Just at the completion of the trials a tube in No. 4 boiler ruptured, due to low water. No endurance runs were attempted. A full investigation has been ordered."

U. S. TO HAVE ZEPPELIN.

Is To Ask For Bids On Construction And For Aeroplanes.

Washington, D. C.—The Navy Department within several days will advertise for bids for the construction of a Zeppelin model airship and for a number of new type aeroplanes. All the new aircraft, including the Zeppelin, are to be constructed in the United States. The navy has wished for some time to obtain a Zeppelin, but there were no dirigible manufacturers in the United States and no one willing to undertake the experiment of building one. Navy Department officials have finally succeeded in finding several big concerns which have promised to undertake the construction of a Zeppelin type if their bid is successful.

PEACE DAY JULY 4.

Women At 'Frisco Exposition Will Proclaim Against War.

San Francisco.—Independence Day will be Peace Day at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. This announcement was made here by Mrs. May Wright Sewell, honorary president of the International Conference of Women, the organization under whose auspices an international peace conference will convene at the exposition grounds for a four-day session. "Make this the last war," is the slogan adopted by Mrs. Sewell's advisory board, and to that end delegates from all parts of the world will assemble July 4.

BRITISH SHIP BLOWN UP.

Germany Torpedo Merchantman In North Sea; Crew Escaped.

London.—The British steamer Durward, says a Rotterdam dispatch, has been torpedoed by a German submarine. The crew was saved. The Durward was bound from Leith to Rotterdam and was struck by the torpedo while 22 miles off the Maas Lightship. The crew took to the boats and reached the lightship, from which a Dutch pilot boat conveyed them to Rotterdam.

A Hague Dispatch Says It Is Reported

There That The Durward Had On Board 40 Tons Of Provisions Belonging To The American Relief Commission When She Was Sunk.

GERMANY WARNS ROMANIA.

Mobilization Orders Considered "Hostile Acts" In Berlin.

London.—The Paris Temps prints the following from Petrograd: "Germany, in a note to Roumania, declares that the measures undertaken by the latter country, which are tantamount to mobilization orders, and its encouragement of a revolutionary propaganda in Transylvania, are hostile acts."

CONSIDER \$3,000,000,000 LOAN.

British, French and Russian Ministers In Conference.

Paris.—A conference was held in Paris by the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, David Lloyd-George, and Alexandre Ribot and P. Bark, the French and Russian Ministers of Finance. It is said that the meeting was arranged to consider a joint loan of 15,000,000,000 francs (\$3,000,000,000), to bear interest of 3½ per cent.

WOMEN SUPPLANT MEN.

Soprano "Helios" Now In City Offices At Washington.

Washington, D. C.—Soprano "helios" will supplant bass in all city offices, the Commissioners having ousted all men at the private telephone switchboards and appointed women operators.

To keep up with the match consumption of the earth, the services of 60,000 work people are constantly required.

MARYLAND NEWS IN SHORT ORDER

The Latest Gleanings From All Over the State.

Forty persons were converted at the revival in St. Paul's United Brethren Church, Hagerstown.

Prof. Martin Ten Hoor, of Washington College, Chestertown, has resigned on account of ill health.

The new Harford county commissioners have elected A. H. Wilson president and W. A. Wheeler clerk.

The Somerset county school board has given Miss Hilda Parks, of Chance, a scholarship at St. Mary's Seminary.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Clearspring Odd Fellows' Lodge was observed with a banquet.

The Hancock Fruit Evaporating plant has closed down for the winter. During the season 40,000 bushels of apples were evaporated.

It is estimated that between 900 and 1,000 children of school age are not attending any school in Washington county.

A board of trade of about 100 members has been organized at East Newmarket, with Charles Webster president.

In a case being tried at Frederick the heirs of Mrs. Katherine Benz, who left a \$25,000 estate, are trying to break her will.

Theodore Marburg, former minister to Belgium, delivered an address to the students at Tome Institute, Port Deposit.

Former President of the County Commissioners John F. Pearce, of Calverton, has announced his candidacy for sheriff of Cecil county at the coming Democratic primaries.

Major E. Y. Goldsborough, a well-known member of the local bar and a Union veteran of the Civil War, died at his home in Frederick, after a lingering illness.

The Elkton Improvement Association has appointed a committee to request the town council to pass an ordinance giving the health authorities the right to placard any house in that town where there is any contagious disease.

The Postoffice at Kensington has been raised to the Presidential class and the salary fixed at \$1,000 a year, with an allowance for clerk hire, rent, fuel and other expenses. Mrs. Alice Exley, who has been postmistress for several years, will continue in charge.

Sheriff Potee, of Anne Arundel county, issued a statement severely criticizing Governor Goldsborough and Marshal Carter for the course taken by them, in the matter of the recent raid of the Patuxent Rod and Gun Club.

Mrs. Daniel B. Prettyman, of Taylors Island, died after several weeks' illness. She was the last surviving child of the late Judge Levi D. Travers, a well-known and wealthy citizen of Dorchester. Her husband, who is local assessor for Dorchester, and son (Levi D. Prettyman) survive her.

The Past Masters' Association of Snow Hill, Berlin, Pocomoke City, Crisfield and Princess Anne Lodges of Free-Masons has elected L. E. P. Dennis, of Crisfield, president; W. D. Corddry, of Snow Hill, vice-president; H. B. Pilchard, of Pocomoke City, second vice-president; W. H. Dillsworth, Berlin, secretary-treasurer.

The large double-deck barn on the Laureldale Farm, near Barksdale, three miles from Elkton, owned and tenanted by Warren J. Haines, was destroyed by fire. In addition to the barn all this year's crops and farming machinery, wagons and carriages were consumed. The live stock was saved. The loss will reach \$10,000.

Miss Cora Rice, the 14-year-old daughter of George Rice, received burns at her home in Mount Savage, which proved fatal. Miss Rice was sweeping the kitchen when her dress came in contact with the kitchen stove and in an instant she was enveloped in flames. Her screams attracted her mother and sister who were upstairs and they ran down and wrapped her in a blanket, carried her out and rolled her in the snow. In attempting to save her sister, Mrs. Burns was burned about the arms.

The following Harford county farms have recently changed hands: Stephen J. Seneca, of Havre de Grace, has purchased the 115-acre Ambrose Cooley farm and three-eighths interest in 49 additional acres belonging to the estate near Lapidum, for \$9,000; W. T. Bailey, of West Virginia, has purchased the 245-acre Trout farm near the Rocks for \$10,500; James M. Caswell, of Virginia, has purchased the 210-acre August Martin farm near Fallston for \$24,500, and Mrs. Cassell's son has purchased the W. O. Amos farm, nearby, for \$5,500.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Hagerstown, Green-castle and Mercersburg Electric Railway Company of Maryland in Hagerstown, the following officers were elected: President, J. M. Schuster, of Hagerstown; vice-president, J. Stewart Miller, of Hagerstown; secretary, Frederick C. Simons, of New York; treasurer, William J. Patton, of Greencastle, Pa. This company is a subsidiary of the Hagerstown, Greencastle and Mercersburg Railway Company of Pennsylvania, which is arranging to build a trolley line from Hagerstown.

DOINGS AT THE STATE CAPITAL

BAY STEAMER BURNS.

All Of the Passengers Escaped From the Burning Vessel.

Seventy-six passengers and the 34 men comprising the crew of the steamer Maryland were saved from that vessel when it burned to the water's edge off the mouth of the Magdalen river. That some of the passengers may have lost their lives was at first feared because some jumped into the water to escape from the burning boat.

Officials of the B. C. and A. Line, to which the boat belonged, are confident no lives were lost.

The story of the rescue of the passengers and crew in the darkness of early morning, their landing on the practically uninhabited shore of Anne Arundel county, near Mountain Point, their efforts to prevent freezing by building big bonfires and their subsequent taking off by ships of the Chesapeake Line, which brought them to Baltimore, is full of thrills.

The grave danger in which every man, woman and child on the vessel found themselves when aroused to their peril was minimized by the admirable conduct of the officers and crew of the doomed ship, who managed the rescue work with a display of composure and consideration for the passengers' safety that very nearly spells heroism.

GRAND JURY MAY TAKE ACTION.

Escape Of Poolroom Witnesses Has Stirred Annapolis.

Although the furore incident to the raid made on the Patuxent Rod and Gun Club at Meyers Station by Marshal Carter and a force of 50 officers of the Baltimore city police force is gradually abating, much unfavorable comment is still heard in Annapolis as to how a score of the 148 men gathered in could have made good their escape from Sheriff Potee and his assistants, states a dispatch from Annapolis.

Following the suggestion made in the public declaration of Governor Goldsborough, reports were current in Annapolis that Judge Brashears would recall the October grand jury to conduct a rigid investigation, but no action along this line has as yet been taken.

TO AID POTATO GROWING.

Frostburg Bank Offers Prizes For Best Seed Raised.

Farmers of Allegany and Garrett counties are greatly interested in the seed potato campaign, started recently in Frostburg after officials of the State Agricultural Department had announced that this section of Maryland can grow better seed potatoes than Maine and other Northern States. To stimulate further interest in seed potato growing in these counties the Citizens' National Bank of Frostburg, has arranged for a potato contest to take place next fall. Prizes of \$25 and \$15 for the best and second best pecks of Irish cobbler seed potatoes have been offered, similar prizes for Green Mountain seed and \$10 and \$5 for the best and second best pecks of seed potatoes of any variety.

COLLEGE CREEK BRIDGE OPEN.

Governor Goldsborough First To Cross the New Span.

Annapolis.—Governor Goldsborough had the distinction of being the first person to cross in a vehicle the bridge span of College or Dorsey's Creek, the Annapolis end of the Baltimore boulevard, which was thrown open to traffic Wednesday for the first time. The bridge is built of concrete and was constructed under the supervision of the State Roads Commission. It cost approximately \$40,000. The work was started nearly a year ago, but many difficulties were encountered, chief among which was the sinking of foundations on the Annapolis end of the span. The bridge was built by the Mc Lane Construction Company, of Baltimore.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Manchuria's trade is affected very little by the war.

Aberdeen's linen mills are kept busy by war orders.

Canada is finding a wide market abroad for baled hay.

Russia wants automobiles, motor-trucks and motor-cycles.

Cocoon water has been found in Ceylon to be a valuable coagulant of rubber.

Sugar beets can be successfully grown in Ireland.

Cotton seed meal is gaining popularity as cow feed in Canada.

Andalusia's olive crop is a poor one, owing to a recent drought.

In Italy there are about two thousand five hundred murders annually, Russia about two thousand four hundred and Spain about one thousand six hundred.

Development of Morocco has been generally stopped because of the war in Europe.

Prices for footwear are going up in England and retailers find difficulty in getting stocks.

A recent novel sight in Brunswick, Me., was a thrashing machine hauled by a yoke of oxen driven with reins like horses.

India's jute crop is large, estimated at 12,000,000 bales.

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ANOTHER NEEDED CHANGE

AT the outset, we want to distinctly state, in order to have our position plainly understood, that the sentiments expressed in what follows are those of the management of The Transcript, and do not attempt in any way to bind any officer, director or employee of this paper. We say this because we know that coming from a Republican newspaper, with which one of the Republican county officials is connected, the sentiment as thus expressed might otherwise be misconstrued. With this explanation as a starter we will proceed to state in plain language that our present system of collecting taxes by salaried collectors is a farce, a sham, and also a crime.

Probably at no other time in the history of this state could such an act have been passed. It was enacted by the last Assembly under the old constitution, when the members were chosen by counties, and was what is known in politics as a "hand picked" body. With the Republicans so badly divided that anything marked Democrat was sure of election, the result was the picking by the old Neary-Dickeying of Wilmington of a representation from this county that would obey orders. This salaried tax collector bill was one of the things ordered. Knowing that there was little likelihood of retaining control of this county for long, it was decided to take what and all they could get. Under the gerrymander of the county into the old five districts, they felt sure of being able to choose a majority of the five for at least another term. This meant places for one worker in each hundred at good pay and with small responsibilities. For we state it as a safe proposition, that there is in this county no such sinecure as the Collector of Taxes for any one of the Hundreds. And they treat their offices as such. The situation today is that the county of New Castle is handicapped for lack of money; not due to false or inefficient methods of estimating and fixing the tax rate, but due entirely to the tax collectors who do not collect taxes. The records show that collectors whose terms has expired nearly two years have not attempted to enforce their collections despite the urging of the Levy Court. One of the things about this condition, a small thing it is true, but in the aggregate quite a large thing, is that by statute where a tax collector or other public officer given a corporate surety bond for the performance of his duty the expense of the bond is on the county. There are collectors of this county, whose terms expired in 1913, and for those bonds as such collectors the county is paying \$100 per year premium. This is one of the small things. The real things that matter are that the system is wrong. It was conceived in iniquity and born in sin, and the present Assembly should not adjourn without a change of some character. We cannot see why some such system as works so successfully in other places cannot be found to fit our conditions. All taxes should be collected within the fiscal year. That is what they are levied for, to run the government during the year in which they are laid. And it is a mistaken kindness to permit a taxable to owe two years or more taxes. We know the old cry: we have heard it many, many times; that so and so is unable to pay at this time, let him have another month, and so on. No man or taxable who is unable to pay one year's taxes within the year can pay two years taxes in the next or some future year without distress. The United States does not wait or extend the time on the collection of its taxes; the state of Delaware gets its taxes promptly, the school districts collect their taxes and towns like Middletown get theirs. But it is impossible for New Castle County and the City of Wilmington to conduct their business on business basis. Why? Because as soon as this story is read, every tax collector in the county and every political friend whom such collectors can work will proceed to get busy. And the pressure these men can bring is something great. It has been sufficient in the past to prevent even Democratic Legislatures from abolishing Republican collectors and vice versa. It has been sufficient in the past to hold the City of Wilmington in the hold of the system whereby the two parties have a

division of spoils, the Democrats naming one collector and the Republicans naming the other. It will be strong enough, probably, to beat any proposition in this Legislature for a change. It is strong enough, surely, to make things unpleasant for some people connected with The Transcript as soon as this article is read. We realized this when we started to write it, and it has only been because of the relation which Mr. Fouracre has held towards this paper that has held back the management from expressing its opinion. But, the conditions have become such that they are almost unbearable. The Levy Court passes resolutions demanding that collectors settle duplicates four, five, six, seven years in arrears, and collectors practically do nothing. No one realizes this situation more than the Levy Court Commissioners, but they are in the system and can do little. The system is wrong. Taxes should be collected promptly. A change can be brought about only through an aroused public opinion.

THE ASSESSMENT QUESTION

EVERY EVENING was the only one of the Wilmington dailies to comment on what we had to say about the need for a new assessment system in this state and county. While it approved of the rather vague plan we had suggested, it found fault with the proposition that so far as the city of Wilmington was concerned, the whole question of assessment and collection of taxes could be settled by making a business like arrangement between the county and municipality, whereby the latter through its present or some other system should assess and collect the county taxes on a commission basis. The objection of Every Evening is based on the idea that "real estate in the city is, and has always been, assessed higher for city purposes than for county purposes, and unless this were taken into consideration the people of the city would pay more taxes than they have been doing in the past to the county." When it is considered that assessment in the city, thus admittedly made on a considerably lower basis, than it should be, has been made by men elected as county assessors, paid a large salary for their work, and by the county, taking the same oath of office that other county assessors take, having the law given and explained to them, and that law reading "all property, real and personal, subject to assessment, shall be assessed at its true value in money," it would seem that there must have been in the past a lot of public officials, and at present at least five such officers, liable to the penalties laid down in the Revised Code of the State of Delaware at 1133, Section 36 of Chapter 44. The penal part of this section reads: "If any assessor shall knowingly and wilfully assess any property upon any other principle than its actual value, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars." We have been informed that a bill has been introduced into the General Assembly providing for a more modern system of assessment, and is to be followed by one changing the method of collecting taxes, both such bills being admittedly framed after the laws of Maryland, particularly those laws affecting our neighboring counties Cecil and Kent. It has been evident to observers of conditions in those counties, that their laws bring about an equitable assessment and close and prompt collection of taxes without working a hardship on anyone whether he lives on a farm or in a town or city. Whether this change should be made at once, or whether the Legislature should provide for a commission to frame such a law and have it ready for the next Legislature to act upon, we are not yet ready to express our opinion. On the one hand, almost any change would be an improvement, and no change can be made until the 1917 assessment is made, and if we have to wait till the next Legislature acts it would be at least two years after that before the law would be effective. On the other hand, there is the danger of passing a new law with such short notice even though it may have worked well in other places, and may be closely copied from the laws there in force. It is true that some defect will be discovered in all laws no matter how skillful the lawyer that draws them, and no matter how careful they may be considered by the legislative body that enact them, and it is only in the actual use of the law that its strong and weak points are brought out.

CHILD LABOR LAW

THE Child Labor Commission whose members are appointed by the Judge of the Supreme Court, was created to act as a non-partisan Board to secure certain needed reforms in Child Labor. A few Democratic politicians contrived to foist upon the Commission as inspector one of their hench-

men William J. Gibbons a bitter opponent of all Child Labor reform, and pensioner of a big manufacturing Company which is also opposed to all Child Labor legislation.

That their purpose in thus putting the execution of the law in the hands of a man who was opposed to the law, was to hamstring its efficiency, is shown by the fact that in the same year wherein Miss Malone as inspector under the Woman's Labor law at a salary of \$1000, with no traveling expense fund, made 4000 visits all over the state, this politician Gibbons for the snug salary of \$1800, plus \$300 for travel expenses, made only 800 visits!

And when Miss Bissell the chosen Chairman of the Commission, told Gibbons his work as inspector was not satisfactory, this employee of the Commission—that is what the law calls him—insulted her, on one occasion as a lady witness told the writer, snatched a paper out her hands and told her she "didn't know she was talking about!"

The law expressly gave the Commission power to discharge "forthwith" any unsatisfactory inspector. At last, after enduring Gibbons' insolence and inefficiency for months, six out of eight members of the Commission, upon his refusal to resign, removed him.

Now these Democratic politicians, backed up by greedy Big Business eager to exploit inhumanely the Womanhood and Childhood of our state, have drawn their hireling knives to assassinate both the Child Labor and the Woman Labor laws, and are buttoholing this Legislature to undo the beneficent legislation of 1913 which at last placed this laggard state abreast of the 40 other states that have enacted similar and in some cases more liberal laws governing the employment of women and children.

Many business men who opposed the Woman Labor law before its passage, now admit the law is wise, and that it has worked no hardship to their business. Its provisions are so arranged as to interfere but little with the usual hours required by fair employers of female labor—12 hours being allowed on one day in the week, and the schedule of hours being flexible enough to suit any class of business.

But suppose it does a little "interfere with business," are not the Womanhood and Childhood of Delaware a thousand times worth the paltry pelf they cost! Women and Children are the very foundation stones upon which our Commonwealth is builded, and shall this Legislature permit covetous money grubbers or intriguing politicians to tamper with these foundation stones! God forbid! Delaware is marching forward—not backward!

Here is a sample of the business hog-hishness it does interfere with: in Wilmington where in five different establishments, the work hours are 63, 66, 67, 76 and 80 hours a week in Milford, 74 1-2—before Christmas, 88; in Laurel, 68—before Christmas, 90; in Harrington, 75 hours a week; in Rehoboth 84 hours a week, and in one small town in a store and postoffice combined—90 hours in a week of 7 days!

Finally, these dastardly politicians are herein seeking to injure and degrade the foremost woman in the state, Miss Emily P. Bissell the author of the Child Labor Law, and who, aside from other eminent services in the field of Philanthropy, as the originator of the now famous "Red Cross Christmas Stamp," which this year realized almost a \$1,000,000 to fight the awful White Plague, has conferred the highest distinction upon her state not less than imperishable honor upon herself. The Middletown Century Club unanimously endorses these reform laws and indignantly protests against their repeal or emasulation.

DELAWARE ROADS

GOVERNOR Miller's meaty message contains a number of good suggestions upon the important subject of roads and vehicles.

Today Transportation in all its forms from the rare ox cart to the express railroad freight, has become as important as Production itself. Not a little of the cost of high living results from the losses caused by defective and costly transportation methods. Thus, in one part of the country consumers were paying \$5.00 a barrel for apples, and in another part thousands of barrels were rotting on the ground and on the trees because the farmers either could not get them to market or if they could, the freights more than ate the profits up!

We imagine many a farmer here in Delaware recalls how in the flush peach times the measure of a grower's misfortune was the size of his crop—thanks to the exorbitant freight charges of the railroad which was paying 25 to 30 per cent dividends on its stock at the same time the farmers

were going into debt.

Good roads will save the farmer much time, money, cost of haulage and wear and tear of harness, wagons and stock. Now, experience has shown that in this matter of building improved roads, the upkeep is of equal importance with the original building of the road.

The Governor recommends "The patrol system which has been adopted by most of the New England States, and has reduced the cost of maintenance and prolonged the life of the initial construction. Wider tires would have a beneficial effect upon the roads and materially reduce the cost of their maintenance."

The present system of locally looking after and patching up the roads, is both ineffective and costly. There should be a good engineer with a practical knowledge of road building aided by a corps of helpers, to superintend and keep in repair all the roads of the County.

"A stitch in time saves nine," is peculiarly true of road oversight and repair. Prompt mending of trivial defects or breaks prevents serious and often fatal injury to a costly road. By all means stop this old practice of Tom, Dick and Harry ignorantly tinkering our roads.

If not as bad as the old graft system of local road making, this local mending of these costly new roads is unscientific, and wastes both money and roads.

The Governor's suggestion of wider tires should have instant acceptance. The largest number of vehicles using the roads are carriages, having tires the quarters to one and one eighth inches wide. An increase of but 50 per cent would greatly lessen the cutting which so soon harms the roads. A two inch tire should be the smallest the law permits.

The advantages to the farmer would so far outweigh the slightly increased cost and weight, that one wonders farmers have not long ago demanded this reform that France, the world's pioneer in finest roads has had for almost a half century.

The broad tires last longer and the hauling is at least as easy even on muddy roads, while the damage to these good, expensive roads is much less.

In France any vehicle carrying a ton must have a four inch tire, and greater weights a front tire whose tread is so placed as to give the effect of an eight inch tire width! How senseless to spend thousands of dollars a mile building fine roads and then straightway cut them up with three-quarter inch carriage tires!

As for a law requiring all carriages to carry lights, one would think that the fearfully imperiled carriage drivers would for their own greater protection have long since asked for such a law to protect them from the noiseless, flying auto.

Therefore let us have these three road reforms, 1st, scientific oversight of all the roads in the county; 2d wider tires for carriages; 3d lights at night on all vehicles.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

—OF—
Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1914 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at

S. A. DAVY'S RESIDENCE, FOREST, DEL.
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27th, 1915
From 1 to 3 P. M.

AT BLACKBIRD,
SATURDAY, JAN. 30th, 1915
From 1 to 3 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

Section 3.—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January there shall be added one per centum per month until the same shall be paid.

HARRY S. WOODKEEPER,
Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred

Shoe Repairing

I have purchased a new electric machine for finishing my work, which enables me to turn out all work in the shortest possible time, and the finish is far superior to hand-finished work.

L. FROMKIN

Kates' old stand, East Main St.
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

—OF—
St. Georges Hundred

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1914 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at

AT ASPHILL'S SHOPS IN ODESSA,
EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY
During JAN., 1915,
From 7 to 12 A. M.

AT R. S. CARPENTER'S STORE, IN PORT PENN.,
SATURDAY, JAN. 30th, 1915
From 9 to 11 A. M.

A. G. COX'S OFFICE, MIDDLETOWN
SATURDAY, JAN. 30th, 1915
From 2 to 5 o'clock P. M.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3.—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January there shall be added one per centum per month until the same shall be paid.

GEORGE E. RHODES,
Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

—OF—
APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1914 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at

AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART,
IN TOWNSEND, DEL.,
EVERY MONDAY,
During JAN., 1915,
From 2 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

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N. W. VANHORN,
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

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J. E. Denny

W. Main St. Middletown, Del.

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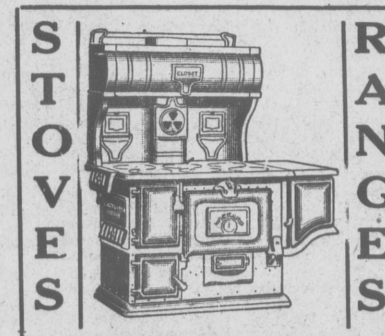
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